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APPROPRIATION FOR EASTERN CHEROKEES.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

REQUESTING

An appropriation for the benefit of Eastern Cherokees.

FEBRUARY 17, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 14, 1871.

SIR: For the reasons mentioned in the accompanying copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the 10th instant, I have the honor to request that an appropriation of \$4,298 10, or so much thereof as shall be found necessary, be made by Congress to enable the Department to replace the sum used by Special Agent Swetland, in defraying the expenses of his agency.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 10, 1871.

SIR: By the authority of the honorable Secretary of the Interior, Mr. S. H. Swetland, of this city, received an appointment as special agent, under date of June 7, 1869, to make payment of money due by the United States to certain North Carolina or Eastern Cherokee Indians, under the act of July 29, 1848, (United States Statutes, vol. 9, pp. 264-5,) and in accordance with instructions from this office, proceeded on the 15th of that month to the discharge of his duties under the said appointment.

No moneys had been appropriated, nor were there any at the disposal of the Department applicable to the payment of expenses incidental to his agency, but Mr. Swetland signified his willingness to defray these expenses from his own resources, relying upon Congress to indemnify him for his outlay.

It appears, however, from his account presented at this office on the 4th ultimo, that all his incidental expenses, amounting, as he states, to \$4,298 10, were defrayed from funds placed in his hands for payment to the Eastern Cherokees, under the provisions of the act referred to.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that an application be made to Congress for an appropriation of \$4,298 10, or so much thereof as shall, in the settlement of Mr. Swetland's account, be found necessary to replace the amount taken by him from funds belonging to the Eastern Cherokees, in defraying the expenses of his special agency.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

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